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Since the debut of Whistlin' Dixie in a Nor'easter, Lisa Patton's character Leelee Satterfield has entertained tens of thousands of readers. Watching the former-Southern Belle tackle life and love in Vermont was only the tip of the iceberg when it came to antics, charades, mischief, and romance. Now, back in Memphis and beginning a relationship with the namesake of Yankee Doodle Dixie, you'd think Leelee might just sit back and enjoy her newly-crafted life. But that just wouldn't be as much fun . . .

Opening up her restaurant with her boyfriend, Peter, proves to be harder than she originally anticipated—especially when her unpredictable best friends are involved! Toss in a lisping neighbor, a male dog named Roberta, and the return of her evil ex-husband who started the whole mess in the first place . . . Well, this is a recipe for just the kind of novel readers expect from Lisa Patton.

As life and love challenge Leelee's resolve and sense of humor, *Southern as a Second Language* is an endearing and chuckle-inducing conclusion to a very beloved character who keeps us guessing up to the very last page as to whether or not it all works out in the end. Whether in maple tree Vermont or magnolia-filled Memphis, Leelee's heart and laughter will delight readers of any climate!

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### Christina says

It's summer. I needed a light, happy read. This 100% fit the bill. I enjoyed the continued story of Leelee Satterfield and her family/friends. How she worked to get her new restaurant off the ground only to have it derailed by Helga in Vermont. How she struggled with her new love and the return of her ex husband. How she interacts with her old nanny Kissie (which this part of the story is just beautiful) and her kids. everything wraps up with a bow and everyone gets the happiness or hit by a car they deserve. A purely fluffy and enjoyable read.

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### Jennifer says

This was so much better than the second book, although the first was the best. Leelee became more annoying in each book. There were several mistakes in this book but the one that caught my eye the most and needed to complain about was part when Kissie found Leelee in the basement with a boy during her high school years. Kissie calls her Leelee Satterfield which is her married name. Leelee kept pining for Peter all through book two and then when they are finally together, she is constantly creating nonexistent problems between them. The part where Leelee contemplates taking Baker back and lets Peter leave was just crazy. Leelee constantly complains about not seeing her girls since she is a working mother, but she never spends time with them anyways. The first book was definitely a fun read, the second not so much and by the third I was glad the series was over and Leelee got her happy ending and moose head.

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### Judi says

This is the third book in the Dixie series. I read the first two some time ago and when I picked this one up, it fell right into place.

The characters in this/these books are real with no game playing. I enjoyed each and every one of them. The Christmas Cookie Swap was a hoot!

This book, to me, could have been a stand alone read but I am glad it followed the two before it. The story is fun and keeps you interested.

Thank you, Lisa Patton, for sharing your talent with us all.

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### Laura says

Thank you Ms. Patton for continuing to carry the stereotype of southern women forward. You have overly drawn the characters until they have become caricatures of southern women and thus we shall continue to be viewed as silly little belles who dress up at football games and say "Y'all come back now, ya hear!"

If you want to read GOOD, fun chick-lit with a southern twist might I suggest books by Sarah Addison Allen, Joshilyn Jackson and Linda Francis Lee.

If you want southern literature about STRONG women read: Gone with the Wind and The Help. Yes, I realize these books are somewhat contradictory. But you want to meet a women with BACKBONE, let me introduce you to the ultimate southern belle: Ms. Scarlet O'Hara. Besides the obvious social issues detailed in the Help, I like that the main character, Skeeter, is definitely not like all the other belles she grew up with. She's fantastically independent and not really a whiner. I think that's why I did not like these books by Lisa Patton, the main character strikes me as a whiner.

Southern historical fiction with intriguing women/girl characters: Cold Mountain I think you'll find Ruby is a hoot! To Kill a Mockingbird should have been read in high school, if you skipped it then, read it now. Then watch the movie and drool over what a hunk Gregory Peck was back in the day;) I have also found The Widow of the South and A Separate Country good reads.

This turned into a rant. My apologies. But really, read something else people.

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### **Sue says**

This is the third book about LeeLee, a southern girl and mom through and through. Now that her marriage is over she is back in Memphis, almost ready to open her Peach Blossom Inn. Her chef is the gorgeous Peter who has just professed his love to LeeLee. But in the few months he's been in Tennessee, it's become apparent that his direct northern ways and LeeLee's genteel manners could be heading for an impasse. I've enjoyed all Lisa Patton's stories even though the only Southern in me is my love for really good shrimp (and I do like cheesy grits). Patton's warmth and the humorous take on life's crises make me think of Lorna Landvik.

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### **Joanieg says**

Perfect ending to this trilogy. I loved all 3 books. Funny in places, sad in places, and a great cast of characters.

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### **Marian says**

This is the sequel to "Whistlin' Dixie in a Nor'easter". Frankly, it was not as good. It was somewhat of a slog to get through. Also, I really really hate when authors write in dialect, and even more than that I hate when they write in people's speech problems. There was a character who couldn't say his "R" sounds, and everywhere that he tried, the author put a W instead of an R. I find that annoying and offensive. Plus, a guy like Pierre, who's French but has been living in the US for quite some time, is going to speak and understand English way better than the author would have us believe. Come on, Lisa Patton, you can do better!

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### **Lynn Shurden says**

Cute book and very Southern.

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### **Sharon says**

I enjoyed some of the "southern terminology" that I haven't heard for awhile. The story occurs primarily in Memphis. I worked in Memphis for two summers while in college. I enjoyed the use of streets and locales that I could picture. I also enjoyed the description of the rabid SEC football fans. Patton needs to check her French. As much as I hated French class in college, I can't believe that I observed word usage/spelling errors. There was another "science" error that I saw immediately. Finding science errors is a regular occurrence for me.

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### **Margo Lalli says**

Very cute and easy read. Perfect for a day by the pool or lazy day. I thought it was better than the 1st and 2nd novel. I thought the 2nd novel wasn't necessary to read at all and if someone were to skip the second novel and go straight to this one, they wouldn't have any problems keeping up. The Southern stereotypes got old after a while, same with the North vs. South culture references Even after all she's been through, I really didn't feel that Leelee changed all that much.

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### **Susan Coster says**

This is not exactly what I had in mind when I picked this up. If you are looking for a chick lit/fluff book set in the South, then this is it. It is light and fast reading. The characters and plot have no depth; it did not move me in any way and it did not explore the ways of the South as thoroughly as I thought. The gist of the story is this: LeeLee Satterfield and her two young daughters leave Vermont after being abandoned by her husband and return to their homeland, Memphis, to open a restaurant. The chef from Vermont, her love interest, follows her there and they open The Peach Blossom Inn only to learn that her nemesis back in Vermont has filed a lawsuit against her thus delaying the opening of the restaurant. Eventually, her roaming husband, Baker, sees the error of his ways and returns to Memphis to try and woo LeeLee back, but, alas, it is too late as she has fallen in love with Peter the Chef. The book touched lightly on the differences in Southern women, Southern hospitality, but not much else. Two stars. That's it. Sorry.

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### **Cathy Zane says**

This was a fun series – taking me back to my southern roots. I especially loved this final book, having become very invested in the outcome after the previous two books. If you want to spend some time with a Southern Belle, this series will satisfy!

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### **Joanne says**

I like Lisa Patton's writing and enjoyed this trilogy. I think she just ran out of enough story to make this 3rd book robust and interesting. I also suspect that since this part of the three-part story takes place entirely in the

south, the dialogue between the characters seemed a little more cliché and not as clever. Therefore I gave it only three stars because it wasn't a strong novel, but it is a good book and I do recommend it.

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### **Linda says**

better of the three in the series.

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### **Holly says**

This book ended the fun, quirky Dixie series. I enjoyed this series as an easy read. I grew to appreciate Leelee as the story progressed and found myself even rooting for by the end of this book. Although, she did give several moments I just rolled my eyes at her.

Peter is definitely a Yankee a Southern Belle could love.

I was hoping there would be another in this series, not because it's so riveting but rather to continue to be in touch with the characters and their lives. Did the café make it? Did Leelee and Peter make it and what else happened in their future? What ever came of Shirley and Helga?

The connection to characters even so that you hate to see their story end is a testament to a successful book.

I feel it necessary to admit, though, not all Southern Belles are represented by the characters of this book. Leelee's friends seem to be quite superficial worrying with what others think about them. Not all southern women live like this nor do we all fall into dependence of others simply because we are southern.

But, all in all, I enjoyed the series for the type of series it is...fun, quirky characters and an easy read.

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